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Manager's Newsletter

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Mr. Robert Stewart

The Town of Kitty Hawk would like to pay tribute to Mr. Robert Stewart who passed away on January 13, 2010. Bob was contracted by the Town as our Town Engineer and had worked for us since 2006. He was a very meticulous individual who made sure that any project that he did for the Town was done in a very professional and accurate manner. Bob will surely be missed.

Planning Board Meeting Summary February 4, 2010

At its meeting on February 4th, the Kitty Hawk Planning Board considered a text amendment to remove a subsection of the zoning ordinance. Originally adopted in 2007, the subsection established the requirement that overhead transmission lines be located within a single corridor through Kitty Hawk, rather than having two corridors along Kitty Hawk Bay and the Highway 158 Bypass. The results of a recent court case between Dominion Power and the Town Kill Devil Hills found that the Town could not restrict utility companies in this manner. As these standards can no longer be enforced, the Planning Board voted unanimously to recommend that the subsection be removed from the zoning ordinance.

Next, Planning Director, Joe Heard, gave the Board members a presentation on proposed improvements to two public parks in Kitty Hawk. Heard informed the Board that the Town had submitted a grant to the N.C. Parks & Recreation Trust Fund to fund 50% of the proposed improvements to Sandy Run Park. Proposed improvements to Sandy Run Park include an extension of the boardwalk/nature trail to loop through the park and

construction of a fishing pier, nature observation tower, gazebos over the water, picnic area, additional seating, and educational signs. If the PARTF grant is approved, then the Town would seek a matching grant from the Dare County Tourist Board. If both grants are received, then construction on this project could begin as early as Spring 2011.

Mr. Heard also updated the Planning Board on the status of the proposed Dare County Park on an 11 acre property at the intersection of Kitty Hawk Road and Midgett Road. Dare County has money in hand to construct the first phase of the park and has hired an engineering firm to prepare a design for the park. Depending on the expense, the County hopes to incorporate a walking trail, dog park, skateboard park, picnic area, playground, and parking area into the initial phase of the project. It is anticipated that formal plans will be submitted to the Town of Kitty Hawk in June, following review of conceptual plans by the Dare County Recreation Board and Kitty Hawk Recreation Committee. Construction could start as soon as Fall 2010 for this project.

The Planning Board mourned the passing of Town Engineer Bob Stewart. Mr. Heard informed the Board members that local engineer, Melissa McAlister, would be serving as the Town's engineer on an interim basis. Town Manager, John Stockton, plans to engage in a process to select a more permanent consulting engineer for the Town over the next month or two.

Kitty Hawk Fire Department January 2010

During the month of January 2010, there were 32 calls for emergency service. The breakdown is as follows:

Automatic/Mutual Aid	5
Medical calls	15
Chimney or flue fire, confined	1
Grass fire	1
Vehicle accident with injuries	1
Motor vehicle accident with no injuries	1
Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle	1
Power line down	1
Lock-out	1
Assist invalid	3
Unauthorized burning	1
Smoke scare, odor of smoke	1

Code Enforcement Activities – January 2010

CODE VIOLATIONS		
Notice of Violations Issued	1	
Civil Citations Issued		
Land Disturbance Activity	1	
Public Nuisance	4	
Abandon/Junk Vehicles	1	
Right of Way Encroachments	1	
Lighting Violations		
Site Plan Violations	2	
No Building Permit		
Home Occupations	2	
Signs	11	
Noise Violations	1	
Flood Ordinance TOTALS	24	
	24	
CAMA PERMITS		
Minor Permits	1	
Exemption Letters Beach Push Permits	4	
CAMA Violations Issued	4	
TOTALS	7	
BANNER PERMITS TOTALS	1	
OUTDOOR GATHERING PERMITS	•	
TOTALS		
FIRE INSPECTIONS		
Assembly	5	20 Violations
Business	2	5 Violations
Mercantile	2	10 Violation
Educational		
Residential	1	1 Violation
Industrial		
Manufacturing		
Hood System		
Tent		
Sprinkler Systems		
Re-inspections		
First	8	29 Violations Corrected
Second	1	1 Violation Corrected
Third		
Sixth		
TOTALS	19	

Kitty Hawk Town Council Highlights - February 1, 2010

- The Surfrider Foundation presented to Council on a proposed resolution in opposition to offshore drilling and exploration.
- An update was given to Council on Phase II of Sandy Run Park.
- Town Manager reported that the Town's Hazard Mitigation Plan was approved by the State and is now being reviewed by FEMA.

Engineering Services – Request For Proposal

Town of Kitty Hawk is seeking proposals from individuals or firms interested in providing ongoing professional engineering and related services for the Town of Kitty Hawk. Proposals are due to Town Hall by 2:00 p.m. on Friday, March 5, 2010. For a complete outline of the specifications please <u>click the following link.</u>

Town Staff Meets with State Officials in the Hope of Finding Solutions to Recent Flooding

On Thursday, February 11th the Town Manager and Public Works Director met with the representatives from North Carolina Department of Transportation, the Division of Emergency Management, and a representative from Senator Basnight's office to discuss the recent flooding of areas in Kitty Hawk.

Mr. Dave Henderson, NCDOT Hydraulics Engineer explained that the groundwater level is so high at this time, that the storm water cannot drain and it lies on top of the ground. Without being able to seep into the soil, the water level on top of the ground continues to increase with continuous rainfall.

Various methods of disposal were discussed with some discussion on pumping the storm water and discharging into the sound or the ocean. Because of the requirements for water quality, discharging into the ocean would probably not be attainable at this time. As far as discharging storm water into the sound, it is possible to do so if you could filter the storm water prior to the discharge.

The representative from the Division of Emergency Management talked about the FEMA Mitigation program and the town staff intends to further explore this option.

Mr. Henderson from NCDOT will be reviewing the ideas of the group and come back with possible cost estimates. Mr. Dillon of Marc Basnight's office can evaluate possible sources of funding if there are possible solutions.

The town staff will continue to work with NCDOT, Emergency Management, and Senator Basnight's office to try and determine if there are solutions that can resolve the recent flooding problems in Kitty Hawk.

Outer Banks Senior Games

WHAT: 22nd Annual Outer Banks Senior Games

<u>WHO:</u> Any **Dare** or **Currituck** County resident (must reside in Dare or Currituck

County at least **three consecutive months** of the year) age 55 or older (as of December 31, 2010). Winners in each event will be eligible to compete in North Carolina Senior Games state finals held Sept. 27 -

Oct. 3, 2010 in Raleigh.

WHEN: Silver Arts - April 19-23

Athletic Competition - April 23- May 1, 2010

WHERE: Silver Arts Check-In April 19, 2010 8:30 a.m. - 12 Noon at the Baum Senior

Center in Kill Devil Hills. Opening Ceremonies April 23, 2010 10:00 a.m. at the Baum Senior Center in Kill Devil Hills. See next page for a schedule of

events and a complete listing of activities and locations.

WHY: To encourage and challenge all seniors to stay healthy and active

HOW: Registration forms are available online at <u>www.co.dare.nc.us</u> or may be

obtained at the Baum Center in Kill Devil Hills. Registration deadline: 5:00 p.m., Friday, March 19, 2010. Early Bird registration deadline: 5:00

p.m., Friday, February 19, 2010.

For more information, contact: Brandi Rheubottom the local coordinator at 252-475-5635.

• The Outer Banks Senior Games are sponsored by Dare County, The Outer Banks Hospital and Spring Arbor Assisted Living.

• N.C. Senior Games is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing year-round health promotion and education for adults 55 years of age and better.

 N.C. Senior Games is sponsored statewide by the North Carolina Division of Aging and Adult Services

Opportunities to Participate

Town Council Meeting

Monday, March 1, 2010 at 6 p.m.

Planning Board Meeting

Thursday, March 4, 2010 at 6 p.m.

Town Council – Budget Workshop

Monday, March 8, 2010 at 9 a.m.

(All Meetings to be held at Kitty Hawk Town Hall unless otherwise noted.)